

Remarks

Claims 1-5 and 8-30 remain in the application.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 2, 4, and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent 6,091,537 to Sun et al. (hereafter Sun). It is assumed that the patent number 9,091,537 in the rejection should be corrected to the one listed. The Examiner has rejected Claims 2, 20, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Sun in view of U.S. Patent 6,021,631 to Greywall. The Examiner has rejected Claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Sun and further in view of U.S. Patent 6,445,514 to Ohnstein et al.

Applicants disagree with some of these rejections. However, in the interest of expeditious prosecution and early allowance of a patent, these claims have been canceled. Additionally, Claim 3 has been canceled.

The Examiner has allowed Claims 8-19 and 24-30. Claim 18 has been amended to correct an editorial deficiency. The Examiner would allow Claim 23 if rewritten in independent form. Claim 23 has been so rewritten dependent form although some rewording has been required to incorporate its parent claim.

A petition for a three-month extension of time is submitted herewith.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would be helpful, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number, which is on California time.

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